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REMARKS

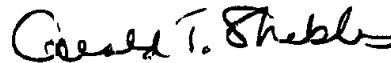
In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 27, 39, 40 and 43 as being anticipated by the patent to Parham. Further, claims 38 and 41 have been rejected as being unpatentable over the patent to Parham. Claims 35-37 and 42 have been found allowable.

Applicant has canceled claim 27, the sole non-allowed independent claim herein and replaced it with claim 44. The remaining claims have been made dependent upon claim 44. Claim 44 is drawn to a method applying an agricultural spray with reduced phytotoxicity properties to a plant. Parham does not teach such a method, instead, teaching the use of a herbicide for eradicating plant life, as opposed to the reduced phytotoxicity properties.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and re-examination thereof.

With the above amendments and the remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance, and Applicants earnestly solicit an early notice of same. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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